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TRANSMITTAL FOR DIVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/644,324, filed on August 23, 2000, of Akira Okada, Kazutoshi Kato, Kazuto Nouchi, Yoshihisa Sakai, Takashi Sakamoto, Morito Matsuoka, and Sen-ichi Suzuki for OPTICAL PACKET ROUTING NETWORK SYSTEM BASED ON OPTICAL LABEL SWITCHING TECHNIQUE, (hereinafter "the Parent Application").

- A. Enclosed Application Elements and Accompanying Parts
- X A specification, claims, abstract, and cover page in total comprising seventy-one (71) pages.
- X Twenty-eight (28) sheets of drawings.
- X A copy of the Combined Declaration, and Power of Attorney as originally filed in the Parent Application and currently in effect.
- A Request for Nonpublication of Application.
- Entitlement to small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
- A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status is enclosed.

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- ☐ A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status was filed in the Parent Application and such status is still proper and desired.
- ☐ The present application claims entitlement to Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27
- ☒ A Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" certifying a filing date for the enclosed application by use of Express Mail Label No. EV382941200US.
- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney.

B. Instructions and Averments

- ☒ Priority to United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/644,324 filed on August 23, 2000 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.
- ☒ Priority to Japanese Application Serial Nos. 238,794/1999 filed on August 25, 1999 and 070,872/2000 filed on March 14, 2000 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☒ A certified copy of each of the above-referenced Japanese priority applications is filed in prior application Serial No. 09/644,324, filed August 23, 2000.
- ☒ The Parent Application is assigned of record to Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation, as recorded at reel 011246, frames 0678.

C. Payments

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below.

			SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
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BASIC FEE				\$385		\$770
TOT. CLAIMS	3-20=	0	X 9=		X 18=	
IND. CLAIMS	1-3=	0	X 42		X 84=	
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			TOTAL		TOTAL	770

- ☒ Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$770.00 covering the filing fee is enclosed.

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X A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

Dated this 13th day of January 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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